

**Island County Board of Health
Regular Meeting - Monday, September 17, 2012
Minutes**

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Members Present: Commissioners Helen Price Johnson and Kelly Emerson; Anne Tarrant, Whidbey General Hospital Commissioner; Scott Dudley, Mayor of Oak Harbor; Captain Edward Simmer, MC, USN, Ex-Officio Member; and, Roger S. Case, MD, Executive Secretary to the Board.

Members Absent: Commissioner Angie Homola.

Call to Order: Due to Chair Angie Homola's absence, Commissioner Price Johnson acted as Chair for this meeting. Acting Chair Price Johnson called this Regular Meeting of the Island County Board of Health to order at 1:15 p.m.

Additions or Changes to the Agenda: Keith Higman asked to add a contract to the agenda for the Board's consideration. He asked that Contract No. HD-20-12 with Snohomish Health District for a Public Health Investigator be added as 'Item 4' under 'Contracts'.

Approval of Minutes: The Acting Chair called for the approval of the minutes of the August 20, 2012 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Emerson moved for approval of the minutes as presented. Commissioner Price Johnson seconded. As Mayor Dudley was not in attendance at the August 20th meeting, he abstained from the vote. The minutes were approved as written.

Public Input or Comments: The Chair invited members of the public who wished to provide input or make comments to indicate their wish to do so. Sandy Ziemer, Greenbank resident, introduced herself to the Board as a past Children's Commission member and current CHAB member. She asked that the Board recommend the County Commissioners fund a reinstatement of the Children's Commission in the 2013 budget.

Community Health Assessment (CHA) / Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Review: Keith Higman told the Board that assessing the health needs of our community is a deliberative process which includes establishing policies and evaluating/reevaluating the success of the policies. He acknowledged that this work is also a requirement for Island County Public Health's application for national accreditation. Keith also acknowledged how fortunate it is to have a Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB) whose members volunteer their time and expertise to sit on the CHAB and evaluate our community's health.

Greg Wisont, CHAB member, described the assessment process. CHAB has conducted health assessments in 2003, 2005, 2008, 2010 and now in 2012. He reminded the Board that all of the CHAB are members of the Island County community and he said their hope is to work with the Board of Health in a dialog instead of a monolog. The 2012 Community Health Assessment is the first stage of the process. The data gathered is used to identify and document issues. 'Key Health Indicators' are used as categories with themes in order to compile large amounts of data. The health issues identified are communicated and resources can be targeted in the areas of highest need.

J.M. Kiel, CHAB member, described the process of organizing 70 Key Health Indicators down to 12 'themes'. The resulting top five are:

1. Adults overweight and obese
2. Adults performing regular physical activity
3. Loaded and unlocked firearms in the home
4. Caries in children
5. Adult mental health issues

From this group, CHAB identified their top 2012 issue as adults performing regular physical activity.

Celine Servatius, CHAB member, told the Board that CHAB's next steps are to communicate the 2012 findings to the community and to listen to community members who have feedback for CHAB. The CHAB will complete a Community Health Improvement Plan by the end of December 2012. This Plan will include defining CHAB's role, reviewing best practices, identifying local and regional community partners, and making recommendations to the Board of Health and Island County Public Health. Celine advised the Board that she will sit as CHAB's Chair next year.

Mayor Dudley asked about the '2020 Goals'. Katie Hicks responded that the CDC has set those goals, such as overweight adults. Capt. Simmer asked about recognizing success.

Contracts: Keith Higman presented contracts to the Board for their consideration.

1. Department of Health – 2012-2014 Consolidated Contract
Contract No. C16886, Amendment No. 4
Contract Amount: \$ 928,217
Amendment Amount: \$ 66,812
2. DSHS – Early Intervention Program (EIP)
Contract No. 1263-56036, Amendment No. 1
Contract Amount: \$ 15,260
Amendment Amount: \$ -0-
3. DSHS – Early Family Support Services (EFSS)
Contract No. 1263-56040, Amendment No. 1
Contract Amount: \$ 9,498
Amendment Amount: \$ -0-
4. Snohomish Health District – Public Health Investigator
Contract No. HD-20-12
Contract Amount: \$ 1,000

Commissioner Emerson moved that the group of contracts be approved as presented. Member Anne Tarrant seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Health Department Report: Keith Higman advised the Board that another drug take-back opportunity will be held at various Whidbey Island locations on September 29th. West Nile Virus continues to be an issue nationally with 118 deaths. Washington State has been lucky to not have experienced the increase in infections. He told the Board about 8 confirmed cases of Hanta resulting in 3 deaths from exposure in tent cabins in Yosemite. Pertussis cases are still running at a 10-fold rate but have slowed down during the summer months due to schools being closed.

Board Comments/Announcements: Commissioner Emerson wanted Camano residents to be aware that the City of Stanwood offers a permanent take-back location in Snohomish County at Stanwood Police, 8727 271st St. NW, Stanwood. Commissioner Price Johnson asked that future Board of Health agendas have a place holder for public health initiatives and legislative issues.

Adjourn: There being no further business before the Board, Acting Chair Price Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Health will be as a Regular Session held on Monday, October 15, 2012 at 1:15 p.m. in the Commissioner's Hearing Room (B102) in the Court House Annex Building.

Submitted: _____
Roger S. Case, MD
Executive Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved this _____ day of _____ 2012
ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Angie Homola, Board Chair